

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. J. Res. 2) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and the Senate in explanation of the effects of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

This conference agreement includes the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2003; the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2003; the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003;

the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2003; the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003; the Homeland Security Act Amendments of 2003; additional appropriations for the Department of Defense; miscellaneous appropriations; and amendments to the Price-Anderson Act.

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CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES

The statement of the managers remains silent on provisions that were in both the House as contained in H. Rept. 107-623, and the Senate directives as contained in the Congressional Record of January 15, 2003, pages S356-S410, that remain unchanged by this conference agreement, except as noted in this statement of the managers.

For many years, this Act has included bill language regarding the employment of temporary personnel as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and / or 7 U.S.C. 2225. The conference agreement does not include this language under individual accounts in this Act, because it appears that this authority is no longer required. In particular, this authority was not utilized by the Farm Service Agency during fiscal year 2001, the most recent year for which information was provided. The conferees agree to provide authority to employ temporary personnel as a general provision of this Act (section 703). The exercise of this authority will require detailed justification, notification ^{to} of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and advance approval of the Committees.

The conferees agree that Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) costs be absorbed within appropriations provided herein.

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DIVISION A—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS AP-
PROPRIATIONS, 2003

TITLE I – AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The conference agreement provides \$3,412,000 for the Office of the Secretary as proposed by the Senate instead of \$31,629,000 as proposed by the House.

The conferees are seriously concerned by the growing frequency of departmental and agency initiatives for which the required prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate has not been provided. The conferees note the efficiencies which attach to the least possible statutory requirements and the benefits which accrue to the more flexible Congressional direction expressed in Committee reports. However, the continuing practice of reliance on Committee report language must be accompanied by departmental and agency compliance with Congressional directives. Section 720 of this Act, and similar language included in previous acts, provide detailed guidelines to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for those activities that require prior notification to the Congress. Such notification was not provided in the recent release of Section 32 funds for the creation of a Livestock Compensation Program, the establishment of a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Center, the improper use of Conservation Operations funds for the implementation of Farm Bill programs, and other similar

violations of statutory reprogramming and prior notification requirements. The conferees expect full compliance with Section 720 in the areas of state office collocations, administrative and information technology convergence, and all other activities that fall within the scope of that section. The conferees also expect that no reprogramming of funds occur in the absence of an emergency or not as a consequence of unforeseen events. Further, the conferees note that when an agency submits a reprogramming request to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and does not receive identical responses from the House and Senate, it is the responsibility of the agency to reconcile the House and Senate differences before proceeding, and if reconciliation is not possible, to consider the reprogramming request unapproved.

The conferees are concerned that the U.S. and Canada made little progress in implementing the harmonized standards for pesticide regulation as required by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The conferees direct USDA, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, to institute these standards so that concerns in the pricing of agricultural products for the farmers will be addressed. The conferees also direct ~~USDA~~^{USDA} to report on the planned actions taken to implement the harmonization standards to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

CHIEF ECONOMIST

The conference agreement provides \$8,566,000 for the Office of the Chief Economist as proposed by the House instead of \$12,016,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The President's budget request included additional funding for the Website for Commodity Market Information, Weather Information and Drought Management, and to Analyze Critical Farm Energy Data. The conferees provide an increase of \$692,000 to be applied to the highest priority needs for which additional funding was requested.

NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

The conference agreement provides \$13,759,000 for the National Appeals Division as proposed by both the House and Senate.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

The conference agreement provides \$7,358,000 for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis as proposed by both the House and Senate.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

The conference agreement provides \$15,251,000 for the Office of the Chief Information Officer as proposed by the House instead of \$31,275,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees expect that increases provided above fiscal year 2002 shall go toward the highest priority items contained in the fiscal year 2003 budget request.

COMMON COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

The conference agreement provides \$133,155,000 for common computing environment as proposed by both the House and Senate.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The conference agreement provides \$5,572,000 for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer as proposed by the House instead of \$7,877,000 as proposed by the Senate.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The conference agreement does not provide \$41,000,000 for the Working Capital Fund as proposed by the House. The Senate bill contained no such provision. The conferees note that \$21,700,000 in fiscal year 2002 balances have been transferred to the Working Capital Fund, and will be available to meet the needs for which an appropriation was requested.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a feasibility study to the Committees on Appropriations on the need for remote mirroring backup technology of the National Finance Center's data. This study should include a breakdown of the costs and the timeframe associated with acquiring such technology, and should designate an appropriate physical location for the backup

site. The study shall also specify how the costs of the remote data capability should be assigned and paid for by non-USDA users of the National Finance Center, including the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. Upon approval by the Committees on Appropriations, the funds appropriated to the Working Capital Fund shall be made available to provide mirror imaging technology for the National Finance Center.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

The conference agreement provides \$400,000 for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no such provision.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$664,000 for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration as proposed by the House instead of \$780,000 as proposed by the Senate.

AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL PAYMENTS

The conference agreement provides \$196,781,000 for agriculture buildings and facilities and rental payments instead of \$195,900,000 as proposed by the House and \$197,662,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The President's budget request includes additional funding for the Fair Labor Standards and Service Contract Acts and for major repairs and improvements to headquarters. The conferees provide an increase of \$881,000 to be applied to the highest priority needs for which additional funding is requested.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$15,685,000 for Hazardous Materials Management as proposed by the House and Senate.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$38,095,000 for Departmental Administration as proposed by the House instead of \$42,479,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

The conference agreement provides \$3,821,000 for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations as proposed by the House instead of \$4,157,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

The conference agreement provides \$9,140,000 for the Office of Communications as proposed by the House instead of \$9,637,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees direct the Office to provide to the Committees on Appropriations, in either electronic or facsimile format, as requested, copies of any open source news material made available to USDA officials that is purchased or otherwise obtained using appropriated funds, amending licenses as necessary.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement provides \$74,097,000 for the Office of the Inspector General as proposed by the House instead of \$78,127,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not include increased funds in this account for financial statement audits for the Food and Nutrition Service and Rural Development programs, or the increase requested for Forest Service audits. Funds for FNS and RD audits are included in the accounts for those programs, as requested.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

The conference agreement provides \$35,017,000 for the Office of the General Counsel instead of \$34,446,000 as proposed by the House and \$35,588,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees expect that increases provided above the fiscal year 2002 level shall go toward highest priority items contained in the fiscal year 2003 budget request.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

The conference agreement provides \$588,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics as proposed by the House instead of \$780,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

The conference agreement provides \$69,123,000 for the Economic Research Service instead of \$73,329,000 as proposed by the House and \$65,123,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees provide \$5,000,000 for ERS to carry out food and nutrition studies, of which \$1,000,000 is for the Small Research Grants Program. The conference agreement provides full funding for the ERS portion of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey.

The conferees are aware that the current primary livestock model used by USDA has not been re-estimated in its entirety since 1990 and much of the data used to develop this model was from the 1960s and 1970s, long before packer concentration, captive supplies and increasing imports. These factors have had significant impacts on the livestock industry. The conferees direct the Economic Research Service to update, revise, and improve livestock modeling capacity.

The conferees are concerned that ERS appears to have ceased publishing regional monthly production costs for dairy farmers. These monthly production calculations are a valuable tool and helpful to Congress in developing dairy policy. As such the conferees strongly urge the Department to publish or otherwise make available regional monthly production cost calculations for dairy farmers.

The conferees request the Economic Research Service to conduct a study of the Cranberry Marketing Committee and its administration of the Cranberry Marketing Order and report to the Committees on Appropriations by September 30, 2003. The study shall focus on the economics of the cranberry industry ~~including the market structure and conduct of the handling sector, the composition of the membership of the Cranberry Marketing Committee and the procedures used to select members,~~ and the response of the Cranberry Marketing Committee to the unprecedented losses incurred by cranberry growers since 1999. The report of the study shall include recommendations to ensure that the Cranberry Marketing Order

is administered in a manner that benefits cranberry growers and promotes the public interest.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

The conference agreement provides \$139,354,000 for the National Agricultural Statistics Service instead of \$137,858,000 as proposed by the House and \$140,854,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes full funding for the NASS portion of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey, and \$1,500,000 for e-government activities.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$1,052,097,000 for the Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses, instead of \$1,002,193,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,053,597,000 as proposed by the Senate. 770

The conferees have agreed to increased funding for the following laboratories and areas of research: Genetic Resources Research, Riverside, CA, Parlier, CA, Corvallis, OR, Ames, IA, Davis, CA, Madison, WI, and Pullman, WA \$200,000 each; Agricultural Genome Sequencing at Weslaco, TX, \$250,000; Ithaca, NY, and Albany, CA, \$400,000 each; Improve Biomass Feedstock for Production of Energy and Biobased Products at Albany, CA, Athens, GA, and

Madison, WI, \$200,000 each; Technologies for Biobased Products at Albany, CA, \$400,000, Athens, GA, \$200,000, and Peoria, IL, \$800,000; Improve Conversion of Agricultural Materials to Biofuels at Bushland, TX, Albany, CA, and Peoria, IL, \$200,000 each; Determine Rates of Gene Flow from Crops to Nearby Vegetation at Corvallis, OR, and Ames, IA, \$225,000 each; Develop and Test Novel Strategies to Prevent Pest Resistance to Plant-Incorporated Protectants at Wapato, WA, \$225,000; Limit Transgene Activity to Specific Tissues at Albany, CA, and Ames, IA, \$400,000 each, and Ithaca, NY, and Peoria, IL, \$225,000 each; Develop Biocontrol Programs for Invasive Pests at Davis, CA, Frederick MD, Newark, DE, \$200,000 each, and Wooster, OH, \$250,000; Identify and Characterize Exotic Plant Diseases at Wooster, OH, Frederick, MD, and Prosser, WA, \$200,000 each; Research on Emerging and Exotic Animal Diseases for PRDC at Ames, IA, \$450,000, Marek's Disease Research at Athens, GA, \$400,000, BSE/TSE Research at Albany, CA, Ames, IA, and Pullman, WA, \$400,000 each, Managing Waste to Reduce Risks to the Environment and Human Health at Madison, WI, and Bushland, TX, \$200,000 each; Protect Water and Air from Manure Nutrients and Pathogens at Ames, IA, Athens, GA, Kimberly, ID, \$200,000 each, and University Park, PA, \$225,000; Assess Risks to Agricultural Resources Arising from Weather Variabilities at Coshocton, OH, \$200,000; Accoustics Technology, Oxford, MS, \$200,000; Advanced Animal Vaccines, Greenport, NY (U of CT), \$150,000; Ariel

Application Research, \$120,000; Agricultural Genome Bioinformatics, Las Cruces, NM, \$500,000; Agricultural Law, Drake University, IA, \$100,000; Agroforestry Research, Booneville, AR, \$50,000; Animal Welfare Information Center, \$80,000; Appalachian Fruit Research Station, Kearneysville, WV, \$250,000; Appalachian Pasture Beef, Beaver, WV \$100,000; Aquaculture Density Research, FL \$200,000; Aquaculture Research, Aberdeen, ID, \$250,000; Arid Lands Research, Las Cruces, NM, \$250,000; Arkansas Childrens' Nutrition Center, Little Rock, AR, \$250,000; Barley Food Health Benefits Research, Beltsville, MD, \$50,000; Biomass Crop Production, Brookings, SD, \$500,000; Biomedical Materials in Plants, Beltsville, MD, \$425,000; Biotechnology Research to Improve Crops and Livestock, Stoneville, MS, \$1,500,000; Bovine Genetics, Beltsville, MD, \$300,000; Broiler Production in the Mid-South, Mississippi State, MS, \$1,000,000; Canal Point Sugarcane Research, Canal Point, FL, \$500,000; Catfish Health, Stoneville, MS, \$500,000; Central Great Plains Research Station, Akron, CO, \$500,000; Cereal Disease Research, St. Paul, MN, \$250,000; Chloroplast Genetic Engineering Research, Urbana, IL, \$500,000; Coffee and Cocoa, \$500,000; Corn Germplasm, Ames, IA, \$500,000; Cotton Genetics Research, Florence, SC, \$250,000; Cotton Genomics, Breeding, Varietal Development, and Pest Resistance, Stoneville, MS, \$700,000; Dairy Forage Research, Madison, WI, \$1,000,000; Dairy Genetics Research, Beltsville, MD, \$350,000; Delta Nutrition Intervention Initiative, Little

Rock, AR, \$750,000; Endophyte Research, Booneville, AR, \$250,000; Fish

Disease Research, Auburn, AL, \$500,000; Floriculture and Nursery Research, ^(PA Purdue)

\$500,000; Food Safety and Engineering, Wyndmoor, PA, \$500,000; Food Safety

for Listeria, E. coli, and Other Food Pathogens, \$350,000; Forage-Livestock

Systems, Lexington, KY, (University of Kentucky), \$800,000; Forage and Range

Research, Logan, UT, \$250,000; Formosan Subterranean Termite, New Orleans,

LA, \$200,000; Ft. Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory, Miles City,

MT, \$500,000; Ft. Pierce Horticultural Research Laboratory, Ft. Pierce, FL,

\$500,000; Glassy-Winged Sharp Shooter, \$600,000; Grand Forks Human Nutrition

Laboratory, Grand Forks, ND, \$250,000; Grape Genetics, Geneva, NY \$250,000;

Grapefruit Juice/Drug Interaction, Winterhaven, FL, \$300,000; Greenhouse

Lettuce Germplasm, Salinas, CA, \$40,000; Harbor Branch Aquaculture Initiative,

Stuttgart, AR, \$250,000; Harry Dupree National Aquacultural Research Center,

Stuttgart, AR, \$250,000; Sugarcane Research, Houma, LA, \$250,000; Hides and

Leather Research, Wyndmoor, PA, \$100,000; Horticulture Research, Poplarville,

MS, \$500,000; Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, Boston, MA,

\$400,000; Integrated Farming Systems, Ames, IA, \$250,000; IPM Strategies for

Northern Climates, Fairbanks, AK, \$700,000; Johne's Disease (Bovine

Paratuberculosis), \$1,000,000; Karnal Bunt, Manhattan, KS, \$250,000; Livestock

Genome Sequencing, Clay Center, NE, \$250,000; Malignant Catarrhal Fever

(MCF) Virus, Pullman, WA, (Cooperation with ARS Dubois, ID Sheep Station and WSU), \$200,000; Microbial Genomics Initiative, Pullman, WA, (Cooperation with ARS Tick Res. Unit Kerrville, TX & WSU), \$300,000; Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, Madison, WI, \$500,000; Mid-West/Mid-South Irrigation, Columbia, MO, \$300,000; Minor Use Pesticides (IR-4), \$150,000; National Cold Water Marine Aquaculture, Orono, ME, \$250,000; National Corn to Ethanol Research Pilot Plant, ARS staffing, Wyndmoor, PA, \$400,000; National Nutrition Monitoring System, Beltsville, MD, \$500,000; National Sclerotinia Initiative, Fargo, ND, \$500,000; National Soil Erosion Laboratory, West Lafayette, IN, \$250,000; Natural Products, Oxford, MS, \$350,000; Northern Grains Insect Research Laboratory, Brookings, SD, \$500,000; Northern Great Plains Ecosystem, Sidney, MT, \$800,000; Noxious Weeds in the Desert Southwest, Las Cruces, NM \$250,000; Nutritional Requirements Research at Childrens' Nutrition Research Center, Houston, TX, \$450,000; Ogallala Aquifer, Bushland, TX, \$750,000; Olive Fruit Fly Research, Parlier, CA, Montpellier, France, \$200,000; Ornamental Crops Research, Poplarville, MS, (University of Tennessee), \$750,000; Pear Thrips, Ithaca, NY, (University of Vermont) \$100,000; Phytoestrogen Research, SRRC \$750,000 (Cooperative Research Tulane, Xavier, and University of Toledo \$250,000 each); Plant Stress and Water Conservation Research, Lubbock, TX, \$250,000; Potato Research, Aberdeen, ID, \$30,000; Poultry Diseases, Athens, GA,

\$800,000; Precision Agriculture Research, Mandan, ND, \$500,000; Regional Grains Genotyping Research, Raleigh, NC, \$250,000; Resistance Management and Risk Assessment in BT Cotton and Other Plant-Incorporated Protectants, Stoneville, MS, \$1,100,000; Seafood Waste, Fairbanks, AK, \$200,000; Sedimentation Issues in Flood-Control Dam Rehabilitations, Oxford, MS, \$475,000; Shellfish Genetics, Newport, OR, (OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center) \$250,000; Small Fruit Research, Corvallis, OR, \$250,000; Soil Dynamics, Auburn, AL, \$250,000; Soil-Plant Nutrient Research, Ft. Collins, CO, \$100,000; Sorghum Research, \$662,000 (Manhattan, KS \$200,000; Bushland, TX \$212,000; Little Rock, AR \$150,000, and Stillwater, OK \$100,000); Source Water Protection Initiatives, (Columbus, OH, \$250,000; W. Lafayette, IN, \$250,000) \$500,000; Sudden Oak Disease Syndrome, Ft. Detrick, MD, \$200,000; Sugar Beet Research, Kimberly, ID, \$130,000; Sustainable Olive Production, Weslaco, TX, \$130,000; Sustainable Viticulture Research, Davis, CA, \$250,000; Sweet Potato Research, Stoneville, MS, (Alcorn State), \$350,000; Swine Lagoon Alternatives Research, Florence, SC, \$500,000; Trout Genome Mapping, Leetown, WV, (WV University) \$500,000; U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC, \$250,000; U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research, Hilo, HI, \$200,000; U.S. Vegetable Lab staffing, Charleston, SC, \$500,000; Virus-Free Fruit Tree Cultivars, Prosser, WA, \$250,000; Viticulture Research, (\$300,000 U. ID Parma, \$400,000 NWCSFR(U.

ID/WSU/OSU)), (\$150,000, Prosser (WSU)) \$850,000; Waste Management Research, Western Kentucky University, \$1,000,000; Water Use Reduction/Producer Enhancement Research, (Water Quality/Water Use Research), Dawson, GA, \$500,000; West Nile Virus, Gainesville, FL, \$250,000; Western Grazing Lands Research, Burns, OR, \$750,000; Western Wheat Quality Laboratory, Pullman, WA, \$75,000; Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative, \$600,000; pay costs, ~~\$16,613,000.~~ \$17,000,000. 689

The conference agreement provides for the redirection of funding for hyperspectral imaging technology research, as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees expect that close cooperation will be established and maintained among the nursery and floral industry, the Agricultural Research Service, the University of Tennessee, and the Tennessee State University / ARS Nursery Crop Research Station in McMinnville, Tennessee, to avoid duplication of effort. The conference agreement includes \$750,000 for this collaborative ornamental horticulture program.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$50,000 from the fiscal year 2002 level to continue research on shiitake mushrooms at the South Central Family Farm Research Center at Booneville, AR.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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The conference agreement continues the fiscal year 2002 level of funding for all research projects proposed to be terminated in the President's budget.

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The conference agreement provides \$119,480,000 for the Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities, instead of \$95,280,000 as proposed by the House and \$100,955,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

	Conference <u>Agreement</u>
Arizona, Maricopa	
U.S. Water Conservation and Western Cotton Laboratories.....	\$12,300,000
District of Columbia	
U. S. National Arboretum.....	1,700,000
Hawaii, Hilo	
U.S. Pacific Basin Agriculture Research Center.....	3,000,000
Idaho, Aberdeen	
Advanced Genetics Laboratory.....	4,600,000
Iowa, Ames	
National Animal Disease Center.....	33,000,000
Kansas, Manhattan	
Grain Marketing and Production Research Center.....	4,280,000
Maine, Orono	
Northeast Marine Cold Water Aquaculture Center.....	9,150,000
Maryland	
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.....	4,180,000
Abraham Lincoln National Agricultural Library.....	1,500,000
Minnesota, St. Paul	
Cereal Disease Laboratory.....	3,200,000
Mississippi, Oxford	
Plant Propagation Facility.....	2,000,000
Mississippi, Poplarville	
Southern Horticultural Laboratory.....	9,200,000
Oklahoma, Woodward	
Southern Plains Range Research Station.....	8,000,000
South Carolina, Charleston	
U.S. Vegetable Laboratory.....	1,400,000
South Dakota, Brookings	
Northern Grain Insects Research Laboratory.....	8,600,000
Utah, Logan	
Poisonous Plant laboratory.....	1,495,000
West Virginia, Kearneysville	
Appalachian Fruit Research Station.....	475,000
Wisconsin, Madison	
Cereal Crops Research Laboratory.....	8,400,000
Wisconsin, Marshfield	
Nutrient Management Research Laboratory.....	3,000,000
Total	\$119,480,000

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National Agricultural Library. — The conferees understand that a number of cracks have occurred within the brick veneer structure of the Abraham Lincoln National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland, posing a serious life-safety concern for pedestrian traffic. The conference agreement provides \$1,500,000 to investigate and initiate remedy for this serious issue.

U.S. National Arboretum. — A study to determine the underlying cause of water quality degradation in the Hickey Run area was completed in 1999. This study provided numerous recommendations to reduce the waste and pollution entering the U.S. National Arboretum in the District of Columbia. The conference agreement provides \$1,700,000 for Hickey Run pollution abatement activities to be carried out at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Completion of facilities. — The conference agreement provides funding necessary to complete the construction of research facilities at the following locations: Maricopa, AZ; Aberdeen, ID; Manhattan, KS; Orono, ME; St. Paul, MN; Oxford, MS; Poplarville, MS; Woodward, OK; Brookings, SD; Logan, UT; and Madison, WI. The conferees expect that these construction projects will deliver complete and useable facilities within the appropriations provided under this Act.

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION SERVICE

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$620,827,000 for research and education activities instead of \$572,616,000 as proposed by the House and \$651,411,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference Agreement</i>
Research and Education Activities	
Payments under the Hatch Act.....	\$180,148
Cooperative Forestry Research (McIntire-Stennis).....	21,884
Payments to 1890 Colleges and Tuskegee University.....	35,643
Special Research Grants:	
Advanced genetic technologies (KY).....	675
Advanced spatial technologies (MS)	989
Aegilops cylindricum (jointed goatgrass) (WA).....	383
Agricultural diversification (HI)	128
Agricultural diversity/Red River Corridor (MN, ND)	500
Agriculture science (OH)	500
Agriculture water usage (GA)	293
Agroecology (MD)	400
Air quality (TX)	875
Alliance for food protection (NE,GA)	300
Alternative Crops (ND)	200
Alternative nutrient management (VT)	186
Alternative salmon products (AK)	631
Alternative uses for tobacco (MD)	360
Animal Disease Research (WY)	250
Animal science food safety consortium (AR, KS, IA)	1,614
Apple fireblight (MI, NY)	495
Aquaculture (AR)	232
Aquaculture (WA/ID)	775
Aquaculture (LA)	330
Aquaculture (MS)	586
Aquaculture (NC)	293
Aquaculture (VA)	125
Aquaculture product and marketing development (WV)	740
Armillaria root rot (MI).....	160
Asparagus technology and production (WA).....	280
Babcock Institute (WI)	600
Beef technology transfer (MO)	294
Berry research (AK).....	200
Biomass-based energy research (OK, MS)	1,150
Biotechnology (NC)	306
Biotechnology Test Production (IA)	200
Blocking Anhydrous Methamphetamine Production (IA)	242
Bovine Tuberculosis (MI)	348
Brucellosis vaccine (MT)	493
Center for food quality (UT).....	150
Center for rural studies (VT)	340
Chesapeake Bay agroecology (MD)	320
Childhood obesity and nutrition (VT).....	150
Citrus Canker (FL)	490
Citrus Tristeza	725
Competitiveness of agricultural products (WA)	680
Computational agriculture (NY).....	250
Cool season legume research (ID, WA)	336
Cotton fiber quality (GA)	400
Cranberry/blueberry (MA)	172
Cranberry/blueberry disease & breeding (NJ)	236
Crop integration and production (SD)	275

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	Conference
	Agreement
Crop diversification center (ND/MO)	800
Crop pathogens (NC).....	200
Dairy and meat goat research (TX)	63
Dairy farm profitability (PA)	500
Delta rural revitalization (MS)	205
Designing foods for health (TX).....	825
Diaprepes/Root Weevil (FL)	450
Dietary intervention (OH).....	250
Drought mitigation (NE)	225
Efficient irrigation (NM/TX)	1,500
Environmental biotechnology (RI)	600
Environmental research (NY)	395
Environmental risk factors/cancer (NY)	222
Environmentally safe products (VT)	245
Exotic pest diseases (CA)	1,900
Expanded wheat pasture (OK)	310
Farm injuries and illnesses (NC).....	278
Feed barley for rangeland cattle (MT)	833
Feed efficiency in cattle (FL).....	250
Feedstock conversion (SD).....	560
Fish and shellfish technologies (VA)	465
Food Chain Economic Analysis (IA).....	50
Floriculture (HI)	400
Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (IA, MO)	1,525
Food irradiation (IA)	245
Food Marketing Policy Center (CT)	490
Food processing center (NE)	42
Food quality (AK)	350
Food safety (AL)	1,125
Food safety (OK, ME)	625
Food safety (TX)	200
Food safety research consortium	900
Food safety risk assessment (ND)	1,350
Food security (WA)	450
Food Systems Research Group (WI)	550
Forages for advancing livestock production (KY)	434
Forestry (AR)	512
Future Foods (IL).....	250
Generic commodity promotions, research and evaluation (NY)	195
Genomics (MS)	720
Global Change / Ultraviolet radiation	2,250
Grain Sorghum (KS)	140
Grapefruit juice/drug interaction (FL).....	250
Grass seed cropping for sustainable agriculture (WA, OR, ID)	457
Greenhouse nurseries (OH).....	150
Hispanic leadership in agriculture (TX).....	450
Hoop barns (IA)	210
Human nutrition (IA)	732
Human nutrition (LA)	800
Human nutrition (NY)	615
Hydroponic tomato production (OH)	100
Illinois-Missouri Alliance for Biotechnology	1,214
Improved dairy management practices (PA)	400
Improved early detection of crop diseases (NC).....	194
Improved fruit practices (MI)	239

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference Agreement</i>
Increasing shelf life of agricultural commodities (ID)	795
Infectious disease research (CO)	750
Institute for biobased products and food science (MT)	600
Institute for Food Science & Engineering (AR)	1,222
Integrated production systems (OK)	233
Intelligent quality sensor for food safety (ND)	360
International arid lands consortium	517
Iowa Biotechnology Consortium	1,765
Livestock and Dairy Policy (NY, TX).....	604
Livestock genome sequencing (IL).....	450
Lowbush blueberry research (ME)	265
Maple research (VT)	150
Meadowfoam (OR)	295
Michigan Biotechnology Consortium	628
Midwest Advanced Food Manufacturing Alliance	480
Midwest agricultural products (IA)	632
Midwest poultry consortium (IA)	700
Milk safety (PA)	750
Minor use animal drugs (IR-4)	588
Molluscan shellfish (OR)	395
Montana Sheep Institute	560
Multi-commodity research (OR)	400
Multi-cropping strategies for aquaculture (HI)	124
National beef cattle genetic evaluation consortium (NY)	672
National Biological Impact Assessment	253
Nematode resistance genetic engineering (NM)	147
Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative (NV)	525
New crop opportunities (AK)	490
New crop opportunities (KY)	742
Non-food uses of agricultural products (NE)	64
Nursery, greenhouse, turf specialties (AL)	310
Oil resources from desert plants (NM)	225
Olive fly (CA).....	40
Organic Cropping (WA).....	125
Organic waste utilization (NM)	100
Oyster post harvest treatment (FL)	450
Ozone air quality (CA)	430
Pasture and forage research (UT)	248
Peach tree short life (SC)	262
Perennial wheat (WA).....	150
Pest control alternatives (SC)	305
Phytophthora root rot (NM)	185
Pierce's disease (CA)	2,250
Plant biotechnology (IA).....	250
Plant, drought, and disease resistance gene cataloging (NM)	247
Potato research	1,584
Precision agriculture (KY)	742
Preharvest food safety (KS)	208
Preservation and processing research (OK)	224
Protein utilization (IA)	425
Rangeland ecosystems (NM)	320
Regional barley gene mapping project	760
Regionalized implications of farm programs (MO, TX)	320
Rice agronomy (MO).....	200
Ruminant nutrition (MT, ND, SD, WY)	450

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	Conference
	Agreement
Rural Development Centers (LA, ND)	177
Rural obesity (NY)	200
Rural policies institute (NE, IA, MO)	1,270
Russian wheat aphid (CO)	320
Satsuma orange research (AL)	900
Seafood harvesting, processing and marketing (AK)	1,200
Seafood & aquaculture harvesting, processing & marketing (MS) ...	303
Seafood safety (MA)	425
Seed research (AK).....	325
Small fruit research (OR, WA, ID)	400
Soil and environmental quality (DE)	130
Southwest consortium for plant genetics and water resources	392
Soybean cyst nematode (MO)	693
Soybean research (IL)	850
STEEP -- water quality in the Pacific Northwest	670
Sudden oak death (CA)	100
Sustainable agriculture (CA)	500
Sustainable agriculture (MI)	435
Sustainable agriculture and natural resources (PA)	150
Sustainable agriculture systems (NE)	59
Sustainable beef supply (MT)	1,000
Sustainable engineered materials from renewable sources (VA)	600
Sustainable pest management for dryland wheat (MT)	452
Swine and other animal waste management (NC)	495
Synthetic gene technology (OH)	168
Technological development of renewable resources (MO)	297
Tick borne disease prevention (RI).....	100
Tillage, silviculture, waste management (LA)	425
Tri-state joint peanut research (AL)	600
Tropical aquaculture (FL)	240
Tropical and subtropical research / T STAR	9,000
Uniform farm management program (MN).....	300
Value-added product development from ag resources (MT).....	412
Value-added products (IL).....	150
Viticulture consortium (NY, CA, PA)	1,800
Water conservation (KS)	79
Water treatment (RI).....	150
Water use efficiency and water quality enhancements (GA)	540
Weed control (ND)	435
West Nile Virus (IL).....	375
Wetland plants (LA)	600
Wheat genetic research (KS)	265
Wheat sawfly research (MT)	505
Wood utilization (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN, AK)	6,170
Wool research (TX, MT, WY)	294
Subtotal, Special Research Grants.....	112,264
Improved pest control:	
Expert IPM Decision Support System	177
Integrated pest management	2,725
IR-4 minor crop pest management	10,743
Pest Management Alternatives	1,619
Subtotal, Improved pest control	15,264
National Research Initiative.....	167,131

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	Conference Agreement
	5,098
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433)	1,100
1994 Institutions research program	1,000
Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration (NM,TX,MT).....	3,243
Graduate fellowship grants	4,920
Institution challenge grants	998
Multicultural scholars program	4,100
Hispanic education partnership grants	1,000
Secondary agriculture education	11,479
Capacity building grants (1890 institutions)	1,700
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	3,500
Alaska Native-serving & Native Hawaiian-serving education grants	
Alternative crops:	846
Canola.....	350
Hesperaloe and other natural products from desert plants.....	4,500
Aquaculture Centers (Sec. 1475)	1,250
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	13,750
Sustainable agriculture research and education (SARE).....	
Federal Administration:	450
Ag-based industrial lubricants (IA)	552
Agriculture development in the American Pacific	690
Agriculture Waste Utilization (WV)	715
Agriculture Water Policy (GA).....	302
Alternative fuels characterization laboratory (ND)	335
Animal Waste Management (OK)	450
Aquaculture (OH)	250
Aquaculture (PA)	750
Biotechnology research (MS).....	640
Botanical research (UT).....	675
Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (IA)	250
Center for Food Industry Excellence (TX).....	765
Center for innovative food technology (OH)	200
Center for North American Studies (TX)	900
Climate forecasting (FL).....	1,190
Cotton research (TX)	2,750
REE Information System.....	2,250
Electronic Grants Administration System / GPEA.....	160
Feed efficiency (WV)	340
Fruit/vegetable market analysis (AZ, MO)	1,400
Geographic information system	100
Germplasm development in forage grasses (OH).....	250
High value horticultural crops (VA).....	250
Information Technology (GA).....	196
Livestock marketing information center (CO)	360
Mariculture (NC)	1,050
Mississippi Valley State University	448
Office of Extramural Programs	250
Pasteurization of shell eggs (MI).....	2,095
Pay costs and FERS	349
Peer Panels	640
Phytoremediation plant research (OH).....	438
PM-10 air quality study (WA)	480
Precision Agriculture / Tennessee valley research center (AL)	80
Produce pricing (AZ)	

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference</i>
	<i>Agreement</i>
Rural Systems (MS).....	350
Salmon quality standards (AK)	140
Shrimp aquaculture (AZ, HI, LA, MS, MA, SC, TX)	4,214
Sustainable Agricultural Development (OH).....	500
Urban Silviculture (NY).....	241
Water pollutants (WV)	600
Water Quality (ND)	434
Wetland Plants (WV)	180
Subtotal, Federal Administration	29,659
Total, Research and Education Activities	620,827

The conferees have included \$500,000 for the Special Research Grant for Agricultural Diversity in the Red River Trade Corridor. Of this amount, \$100,000 is intended for the Northern Great Plains Inc. to initiate the establishment of policies and procedures of the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority as required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

The conference agreement provides \$7,100,000 for the Native American Institutions Endowment Fund as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$9,000,000 as proposed by the House.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$453,468,000 for extension activities instead of \$441,821,000 as proposed by the House and \$452,767,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference Agreement</i>
Extension Activities	
Smith-Lever Sections 3(b) & 3(c)	281,218
Smith-Lever Section 3(d):	
Farm safety	5,525
Food & nutrition education (EFNEP)	58,566
Indian reservation agents	1,996
Pest management	10,759
Sustainable agriculture	4,875
Youth at risk	8,481
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	499
1890 Colleges and Tuskegee University.....	32,117
1890 facilities grants	15,000
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4,546
Rural health and safety education	2,622
Grants to Youth organizations.....	3,000
Extension services at the 1994 institutions	3,387
Subtotal	432,591
Federal Administration and special grants:	
Ag in the classroom	700
Agricultural and Entrepreneurship education (WI).....	130
Ag telecommunications (NY).....	382
Alabama beef connection.....	125
Beef producers' improvement (AR)	195
Botanical Garden Initiative (IL)	240
Conservation Technology Transfer (WI)	500
Dairy Education (IA)	235
Dairy industry revitalization (WI).....	220
Diabetes detection, prevention (WA)	924
E-Commerce (MS).....	375
Efficient Irrigation (NM/TX).....	2,040
Entrepreneurial alternatives (PA).....	250
Extension Specialist (MS)	150
Family farm industry network (OH).....	1,386
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (FARAD).....	800
Food preparation and marketing (AK).....	300
Food product development (AK).....	450
General administration and pay.....	5,680
Health Education Leadership (KY)	900
Income enhancement demonstration (OH)	241
Iowa Vitality Center	280
National Center for Agriculture Safety (IA)	198
Nursery production (RI).....	250
Pilot technology transfer (OK, MS)	338
Pilot technology transfer (WI)	163
Potato Pest Management (WI)	300
Range improvement (NM)	245
Resilient communities (NY).....	125
Rural development (AK)	700
Rural development (NM)	395
Rural development (ND)	100
Rural Technologies (HI, WI).....	700

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference</i>
	<i>Agreement</i>
Urban horticulture (WI)	540
Urban market development (NY).....	125
Wood biomass as an alternative farm product (NY)	195
Subtotal, Federal Administration	20,877
Total, Extension Activities	453,468

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~~Youth Grants~~

IP The conference agreement provides \$3,000,000 for Youth Grants as authorized under section 7412 of PL 107-171. Funding for similar activities is also provided under Smith-Lever, Youth at Risk, and other programs funded under this account. The conferees provide this funding to supplement funds provided in PL 107-171 and expect that future funding for Extension youth activities be provided through the other established programs.

Within funds provided for the farm safety program, the conference agreement includes \$4,200,000 for the AgrAbility project.

The conference agreement provides \$540,000 for urban horticulture activities in Wisconsin, of which \$378,000 is directed to the University of Wisconsin Extension and \$162,000 is directed to Growing Power of Milwaukee for community food systems.

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement provides \$46,743,000 for integrated activities instead of \$47,868,000 as proposed by the House and \$48,218,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	
(Dollars in Thousands)	
	<i>Conference</i>
	<i>Agreement</i>
Integrated Activities	
Water Quality	12,971
Food Safety	14,967
Regional Pest Management Centers	4,531
Crops at Risk from FQPA Implementation	1,497
FQPA Risk Mitigation Program for Major Food Crop Systems ...	4,889
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	3,250
Organic Transition Program	2,125
International Science and Education Grants Program.....	500
Critical Issues --- Plant and Animal Diseases.....	500
Regional Rural Development Centers Program	1,513
Total, Integrated Activities	46,743

OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

The conference agreement provides \$3,493,000 for Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers under CSREES as proposed by the Senate. The House had proposed \$8,243,000 for this account elsewhere in the bill.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$730,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs as proposed by the House instead of \$780,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$725,502,000 for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) instead of \$735,937,000 as proposed by the House and \$735,673,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
[In Thousands of Dollars]

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2003 Conference</u>
Pest and Disease Exclusion:	
Agricultural quarantine inspection	55,988
User fees	-
Cattle ticks	6,354
Foreign animal diseases/FMD	7,989
Fruit fly exclusion and detection	56,818
Import-export inspection	9,556
Screwworm	30,679
Trade issues resolution management	11,527
Tropical bont tick	422
Total, Pest and Disease Exclusion	179,333
Plant and Animal Health Monitoring:	
Animal health monitoring & surveillance	93,826
Animal and plant health regulatory enforcement	8,538
Emergency management systems	9,044
Pest detection	21,794
Total, Plant & Animal Health Monitoring	133,202
Pest and Disease Management:	
Aquaculture	1,397
Biological control	9,118
Boll weevil	62,000
Brucellosis	10,258
Chronic wasting disease	14,933
Emerging plant pests	75,289
Golden nematode	630
Grasshopper	4,369
Gypsy moth	4,677
Imported fire ant	2,437
Johnes disease	21,000
Noxious weeds	1,911
Pink bollworm	2,000
Plum pox	4,051
Pseudorabies	4,286
Scrapie	15,474
Tuberculosis	14,895
Wildlife services operations	69,036
Witchweed	1,530
Total, Pest and Disease Management	319,291
Animal Care:	
Animal welfare	16,408
Horse protection	493
Total, Animal Care	16,901
Scientific and Technical Services:	
AITI	4,242
Biotechnology/environmental protection	10,997
Plant methods development labs	5,373
Veterinary biologics	13,167
Veterinary diagnostics	23,921
Wildlife services methods development	14,972
Total, Scientific and Technical Services	72,672
Contingency fund	4,103
Total, Salaries and Expenses	725,502

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The conference agreement provides \$56,818,000 for the fruit fly exclusion and detection program, an increase of \$20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2002 funding level. The increase includes \$15,904,000 to enhance international activities to prevent Mediterranean fruit flies from moving into the United States, \$3,182,000 to enhance activities at domestic borders, and \$150,000 for olive fruit fly trapping efforts.

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 to conduct preclearance quarantine inspections from Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands to the continental U.S. instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$1,000,000 for the cooperative agreement with the Wisconsin Animal Health Consortium as proposed by the House instead of \$750,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$200,000 to assist in creating a database of North Carolina's agriculture industry for rapid response capabilities instead of \$300,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$250,000 for the New Mexico Rapid Syndrome Validation Program instead of \$300,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$900,000 for alkaline digesters of which \$700,000 is for Auburn University College of Medicine and \$200,000 is for the

Mississippi Animal Disease and Research Diagnostic Laboratory in Jackson, MS instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$9,044,000 for Emergency Management Systems as proposed by the House instead of \$11,043,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement does not include language encouraging APHIS to work with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Emergency Programs Division as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$1,397,000 for aquaculture as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,164,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement appropriates \$62,000,000 for the boll weevil eradication program as proposed by the Senate instead of \$53,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$10,258,000 for brucellosis instead of \$8,639,000 as proposed by the House and \$10,358,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement does not include \$100,000 for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission Brucellosis Program as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$14,933,000 for chronic wasting disease as proposed by the House instead of \$14,900,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$9,000,000 for glassy-winged sharpshooter containment and control for a total of \$17,500,000.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$9,251,000 for the Asian long-horned beetle program for a total of \$35,000,000.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$16,549,000 for citrus canker.

The conference agreement provides \$4,369,000 for grasshopper program, of which not less than \$650,000 shall be for grasshopper and Mormon cricket control activities in Utah; \$150,000 to prepare necessary environmental documents; \$500,000 to continue control measures; and not less than \$300,000 shall be for grasshopper and Mormon cricket control activities in Nevada as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$2,437,000 for the control, management, and eradication of the imported fire ant of which \$45,000 is for New Mexico and \$260,000 is for Tennessee.

The conference agreement provides \$1,911,000 for noxious weeds instead of \$1,438,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,611,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$300,000 for the Kiski Basin Initiative (PA); \$100,000 for the Nez-Perce Bio-Control Center; and \$250,000 for implementation of an invasive species program to prevent the spread of cogongrass in Mississippi.

The conference agreement provides \$15,474,000 for scrapie instead of \$20,474,000 as proposed by the House and \$8,178,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$14,895,000 for tuberculosis as proposed by the Senate instead of \$18,124,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$69,036,000 for wildlife services operations instead of \$65,709,000 as proposed by the House and \$67,144,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$8,000,000 for a cooperative rabies oral rabies vaccination program of which \$350,000 shall be for operations in Maryland.

The conference agreement provides \$5,217,000 to provide an effective response to control animal diseases in U.S. wild animal populations of which \$1,250,000 is for remote diagnostic and wildlife disease surveillance as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$500,000 for hazing programs to manage cormorants in central New York watersheds instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$1,200,000 for wolf predation management, of which \$1,050,000 is for Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, and \$150,000 is for New Mexico and Arizona.

The conference agreement provides \$1,000,000 for a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County, FL, to assist in mosquito control efforts.

The conference agreement provides \$50,000 to be used to assist Missouri in eradicating feral hogs.

The conference agreement provides \$250,000 for beaver management and control in North Carolina.

The conference agreement provides \$1,300,000 for predator control programs in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming instead of \$1,500,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement provides \$200,000 to establish a Wildlife Services State Office in Pennsylvania as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$400,000 to assist the Nevada Division of Wildlife with returning displaced wildlife back to its natural habitat instead of \$500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$300,000 for a cooperative agreement with the Eastern Idaho Sandhill Crane Lure Crop Project as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$800,000 for animal welfare activities, as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides an increase of \$250,000 to enhance existing research efforts at the National Wildlife Research Center field station in Starkville, Mississippi instead of \$300,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$600,000 to expand the existing program at the Jack Berryman Institute and facilitate a cooperative relationship with the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station instead of \$700,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$700,000 for maintenance and operations necessary to support wildlife methods development at the National Wildlife Research Center in Ft. Collins, CO, as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are aware of outbreaks in Texas of Avian Influenza in poultry during 2002 and expect APHIS to provide assistance to egg producers who have depopulated their flocks.

~~The conferees expect that non-homeland security activities that are currently being funded from agricultural quarantine inspection user fees shall continue to be funded in fiscal year 2003.~~

The conferees are concerned about USDA's response to the outbreak and spread of chronic wasting disease in states east of the Mississippi River and believe that USDA needs to do much more to expand laboratory testing capacity in order to help states get control of the problem. The conferees expect USDA to expand testing capacity by developing appropriate protocols with laboratories that are capable of doing the testing and by providing the necessary resources for laboratories to conduct rapid testing.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The conference agreement provides \$9,989,000 for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Buildings and Facilities instead of \$13,189,000 as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conference agreement includes funds for all budgeted items except Plum Island.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

MARKETING SERVICES

The conference agreement provides \$75,702,000 for the Agricultural Marketing Service as proposed by the House instead of \$75,411,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes a total of \$15,759,000 for the pesticide data program of which not less than \$1,000,000 shall be added to the existing funding for the drinking water initiative.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$61,619,000 as proposed by both the House and Senate.

FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

The conference agreement provides \$14,910,000 for Funds for Strengthening Markets, Income, and Supply as proposed by both the House and Senate.

PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

The conference agreement appropriates \$1,347,000 for Payments to States and Possessions as proposed by the House and Senate.

GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$39,950,000 for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration instead of \$44,746,000 as proposed by the House and \$44,475,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$4,500,000, to remain available until expended, for a study on the issues surrounding a ban on packer ownership. The conferees direct the Secretary to report the findings within 24 months of enactment.

The conference agreement includes \$500,000, as proposed by the House, to establish a cooperative relationship with the Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois Corn Growers Associations to conduct a pilot program for development of production protocols.

LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$42,463,000 as proposed by the House and Senate.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

The conference agreement provides \$603,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety as proposed by the House instead of \$780,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

The conference agreement provides \$759,759,000 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$755,793,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees direct that no less than \$649,802,000 of the total is for Federal food safety inspection, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$679,097,000 for Federal food safety and inspection, as proposed by the House. The conference agreement fully funds the budget request.

The conference agreement includes \$5,000,000 to remain available through fiscal year 2004, to hire no fewer than 50 FTEs for enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) through full-time ante-mortem inspection, particularly unloading, handling, stunning, and killing of animals at slaughter plants. The conferees also support the ongoing activities of the 17 District Veterinary Medical Specialists and expect that their mission be limited to HMSA

enforcement. Further, the conferees also direct the General Accounting Office to review and report to the Appropriations Committees by July 1, 2003, on the scope and frequency of HMSA violations, and provide recommendations on the extent to which additional resources for inspection personnel, training, and other agency functions are needed to properly regulate slaughter facilities in the area of HMSA enforcement.

The conference agreement includes the following amounts.

Food Safety and Inspection Service, funding by activity (In thousands of dollars)	
Food Safety Inspection	
Federal	679,502
State	49,702
International	16,110
Codex Alimentarius	2,573
FAIM	<u>11,872</u>
Total	759,759
Federal Food Inspection	649,082
Import/Export Inspection	12,767
Laboratory Services	38,440
FAIM	8,005
Grants to States	43,672
Special Assistance to State Programs	5,220
Codex Alimentarius	<u>2,573</u>
Total	759,759

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL

SERVICES

The conference agreement provides \$622,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services as proposed by the House instead of \$899,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are concerned that little progress has been made in implementing Sec. 3013 of P.L. 107-171 and direct the Under Secretary ~~and the~~ Secretary to take action to implement this provision as soon as possible this fiscal year.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$976,738,000 for the Farm Service Agency as proposed by the House instead of \$986,913,000 as proposed by the Senate.

STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

The conference agreement provides \$4,000,000 for State Mediation Grants, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

The conference agreement provides \$100,000 for the Dairy Indemnity Program, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

Farm Ownership Loans:	
Direct.....	(\$130,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$15,093,000
Guaranteed.....	(\$1,000,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$7,500,000

Farm Operating Loans:	
Direct.....	(\$605,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$104,423,000
Unsubsidized guaranteed.....	(\$1,700,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$53,890,000
Subsidized guaranteed.....	(\$400,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$47,200,000
Indian tribe land acquisition.....	(\$2,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$179,000
Boll weevil eradication.....	(\$100,000,000)
Subsidy.....	\$0
ACIF expenses:	
Salaries and expenses (transfer to FSA).....	\$279,176,000
Administrative expenses.....	\$8,000,000

RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The conference agreement provides \$70,708,000 for the Risk Management Agency as proposed by the Senate instead of \$70,726,000 as proposed by the House.

CORPORATIONS

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

The conference agreement provides an appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund (estimated to be \$2,886,000,000 in the President's fiscal year 2003 Budget Request), as proposed by both the House and Senate.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

The conference agreement provides an appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for Reimbursement for Net Realized Losses of the Commodity Credit Corporation (estimated to be \$16,285,000,000 in the President's fiscal year 2003 Budget Request), as proposed by both the House and Senate.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

(LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

The conference agreement provides a limitation of \$5,000,000 for Hazardous Waste Management, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

TITLE II

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

The conference agreement provides \$750,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment as proposed by the House instead of \$902,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

The conference agreement provides \$825,004,000 for Conservation Operations instead of \$843,553,000 as proposed by the House and \$840,002,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes Senate bill language that prohibits funds in this account from being used to provide technical assistance for farm bill programs.

The conference agreement provides \$23,500,000 for the grazing lands conservation initiative as proposed by the Senate instead of \$21,500,000 as proposed by the House.

The conferees direct NRCS to treat Congressional earmarks as additions to the States' funding allocation.

Projects identified in House Report 107-275, House Report 107-623, Senate Report 107-223, and those identified on pages S384-S386 of the Congressional Record of January 15, 2003 that were directed to be funded for fiscal year 2003 are not funded in fiscal year 2003, unless specifically mentioned herein: Sand Mountain Water Quality Project (AL)-\$200,000; Central AL/Birmingham Water Quality Conservation Initiative-\$150,000; Update and digitize soil surveys in north Alabama-\$250,000; obtain and evaluate materials for cold region seeds of plants in conjunction w/ Alaska Division of Agriculture-\$350,000; Native Plant Materials (AK) (evaluating and developing)-\$350,000; Kenai Streambank Restoration (AK) water project-\$450,000; Natural resources/rural assistance activities/SWCD (AK)-\$1,500,000; Juneau and Glennallen (AK) Offices-\$250,000; Staff for each SWCD Public Info and assistance in rural AK-\$500,000; Kodiak and Dillingham (AK) offices-\$500,000; Seward/Resurrection River (AK) watershed project technical assistance-\$1,000,000; Harding Lake (AK)-\$300,000; Southwest Strategy (AZ/NM)-\$150,000; National Water Management Center (AR)-\$2,750,000; Little Red River Irrigation Project-\$375,000; Walnut Bayou (AR) Irrigation Project-\$300,000; Contra Costa County (CA) Watershed Surveys-\$375,000; East Valley Conservation District/Santa Ana Watershed Authority (CA) Plant Removal-\$1,000,000; Agricultural Non-point source water quality-San Luis Obispo County

(CA) Farm Bureau-\$84,000; Monterey Bay Sanctuary-\$600,000; Expand

with } cooperative efforts w/ Delaware State for plant materials-\$290,000; Pilot projects

for technology systems resulting in nutrient reduction (FL/NC)-\$3,000,000;

Manatee (FL) Agriculture Reuse System-\$2,000,000; Lake Okeechobee (FL)

Watershed project planning-\$500,000; Georgia Soil and Water Conservation

Commission Cooperative Agreement-\$2,100,000; Georgia Agricultural Water

Conservation Initiative-\$1,500,000; PMC for Native Plants to clean up the Island

of Kahoolawe (HI)-\$120,000; Molokai (HI) Agriculture Community Committee-

(ID) } \$250,000; Idaho One Plan \$200,000; Little Wood River (ID) Irrigation District

delivery system-\$1,750,000; Conversion to sprinkler irrigation (ID)-\$1,000,000;

L } Trees Forever Program (IA)-\$100,000; Embrass River/Shad Lake (IL)-technical

assistance; Illinois River Basin-EQIP; Waynewood (IL) drainage project-

\$400,000; Hungry Canyon/Loess Hills Erosion Control/Western Iowa-\$1,200,000;

IA) Trees Forever Program \$100,000; CEMSA w/ Iowa Soybean Association-

\$300,000; Soil erosion control cost-share program/soil survey program (KY)-

\$3,000,000; Environmental study/geological investigation-Rockhouse Creek-

Leslie (KY)-\$200,000; Knott County (KY) technical assistance-\$250,000; Boone

County (KY) conservation projects-\$300,000; Kenton County (KY) flood

prevention-\$250,000; Technical assistance to provide grants to Soil Conservation

Districts-\$800,000; Dairy waste remediation-Lake Ponchartrain (LA) Basin-

\$100,000; Lincoln Parish (LA) stormwater/conservation management program-\$650,000; St. John the Baptist Parish (LA) Lakes bank retention project-\$450,000; False River (LA) sedimentation project-\$150,000; Chesapeake Bay activities-\$6,000,000; Conservation related to cranberry production (MA/WI)-\$600,000; Weed It Now-Taconic Mountains (MA/NY/CT)-\$200,000; Great Lakes pilot program for conservation-\$500,000; Franklin County (MS) Lake technical assistance-\$1,500,000; Mississippi Delta Water Resources Study-\$750,000; continuation of Sharkey (MS) soil classification pilot project; Squirrel Branch Drainage Project (MS)-\$250,000; Delta Conservation Demonstration Center, Washington County (MS)-\$1,425,000; Soil erosion ^{(with} Alcorn State (MS)-\$175,000; Cattle and nutrient management in stream crossings (MS)-\$1,000,000; Choctaw County (MS) feasibility study for surface impoundment-\$100,000; Jamie Whitten PMC-\$275,000; Wildlife ^{(Habitat} Management Institute (MS)-\$6,459,000; Humphrey's County (MS) Hospital flood protection-\$400,000; Drainage improvements, Petal (MS)-\$500,000; Drainage improvements on Watkins Drive, Jackson (MS)-\$100,000; Drainage improvements, Port Gibson (MS)-\$300,000; Drainage improvements, Mount Olive (MS)-\$150,000; Drainage improvements, Meridian (MS)-\$500,000; Rankin County (MS)-\$300,000; Establish Upper White River Water Quality Project Office in southern ^{(Missou} MO \$355,000; Jefferson River (MT) watershed \$400,000; Watershed planning project (MT)-\$1,500,000; Lake

Tahoe Basin Soil Conservation Project (NV/CA)-\$400,000; Lake Tahoe Basin area soil survey (NV/CA)-\$200,000; State conservation cost share program (NJ)-\$900,000; Westchester County (NY) SWCD-\$350,000; Pastureland Management/Rotational Grazing (NY)-\$500,000; Best management practices/Skaneateles and Owasco Watersheds (NY)-\$250,000; Address non-point pollution in Onondaga Lake Watershed (NY)-\$250,000; Beaver Swamp Brook project (NY) implementation and environmental restoration-\$300,000; Phase II/Watershed Agriculture Council in Walton (NY)-\$650,000; Technical assistance to livestock/poultry industry (NC)-\$500,000; Red River Flood Prevention/Energy and Environmental Research Center (ND)-\$1,500,000; Maumee Watershed Hydrological Study and Flood Mitigation Plan (OH)-\$1,000,000; Oregon Garden, Silverton (OR)-\$325,000; Cooperative agreement ~~w/~~^(with) Marion County (OR) for native seed project \$50,000; Increased technical assistance (OR)-\$1,000,000; Address drought-related issues (RI)-\$150,000; GIS-based model to integrate commodity and conservation ^(SC)-\$800,000; Study to characterize land use change while preserving natural resources in cooperation with Clemson University (SC)-\$800,000; Bexar, Medina, Uvalde Counties irrigation in Edwards Aquifer (TX)-\$500,000; Field office telecommunications pilot program/advanced soil survey methods (TX)-\$1,500,000; Leon River restoration project (TX)-\$500,000; Range vegetation pilot project, Ft. Hood (TX)-\$500,000; AFO/CAFO Pilot Project (UT)-

\$250,000; Dry Creek/Neff's Grove project (UT)-\$300,000; Reduce phosphorus loading into Lake Champlain (VT)-\$300,000; Walla Walla (WA) watershed alliance-\$500,000; Design/implement natural stream restoration initiatives (WV)-\$500,000; Soil survey geographic database in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands (WV)-\$200,000; Poultry Litter Composting (WV)-\$160,000; Potomac and Ohio River Basin Soil Nutrient Project (WV)-\$300,000; Appalachian Small Farmer Outreach Program (WV)-\$860,000; Potomac Headwaters (WV)-\$550,000; Grazing Lands Initiative/Wisconsin Department of Agriculture-\$550,000; Global Environment

MANAGEMENT

Mgmt Education Center @ Stevens Point (WI)-\$2,000,000; Examine benefits of

using vegetative buffers w/ Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison-\$500,000; Conservation

land internship program (WI)-\$120,000; Study benefits of using nutrient

management plans w/ Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison-\$500,000; Soil survey

mapping project (WY)-\$300,000; Audubon at Home Pilot Program-\$500,000;

Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil & Erosion Sediment-\$2,500,000; Watershed

management demo program/NPPC-\$600,000; National Fish and Wildlife

Foundation Partnerships-\$3,000,000; and, Source water protection project, as a

reimbursable agreement with Farm Service Agency, to States that show the

greatest need-\$1,000,000.

The conferees direct the agency to maintain a national priority area under the guidelines of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the ^{delta} of the State of Mississippi.

The conference agreement includes \$500,000 to the Walla Walla (WA) Watershed Alliance to partner with the NRCS and assist watershed planning entities in the development of Comprehensive Irrigation District Management Plans by engaging irrigators, landowners, and other stakeholders in the watershed initiative; developing and demonstrating model farmland management plans; and monitoring results.

The conference agreement provides \$3,000,000 for the continued implementation for innovative technology systems to be managed by Farm Pilot Project Coordination, Inc. as proposed by the House. The Secretary is directed to release these funds after submitting a report that a satisfactory cooperative agreement between the NRCS and Farm Pilot Project Coordination, Inc. has been consummated. The conference agreement does not include \$150,000 for this activity as proposed by the Senate.

WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

The conference agreement provides \$11,197,000 for Watershed Surveys and Planning as proposed by the House instead \$10,960,000 as proposed by the Senate.

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS